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1. FOR SOME TIME THE GAO, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF FEDERAL, STATE AND COMMERCIAL FOREST MANAGERS, HAS BEEN STUDYING TIMBER MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF TIMBER. THESE STUDIES REVEAL THAT BECAUSE THE SYSTEMS AND METHODS OF TIMBER CULTIVATION AND MANAGEMENT ARE OF SUCH RECENT DEVELOPMENT IN THE U.S., RELIABLE PERFORMANCE DATA ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR EVALUATION. UNCLASSIFIED

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2. TO OBTAIN FIRST-HAND INFORMATION FROM FORESTRY EXPERTS OF EUROPE, WHERE INTENSIVE TIMBER MANAGEMENT HAS BEEN PRACTICED FOR MANY YEARS, MR. LEO KENYON AND MR. FLOYD HEISER PLAN TO VISIT ADDRESSEE POSTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHEDULE SHOWN IN PARAGRAPH 3, SUBJECT TO THE EMBASSY'S CONCURRENCE. THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS TRAVEL ARE

TO MEET WITH FORESTERS AND SILVICULTURISTS CONCERNING INTENSIVE TIMBER MANAGEMENT FOR MULTIPLE-USE (TIMBER PRODUCTION, RECREATION, WATERSHED, ETC.); PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING AND MAINTAINING INVENTORY DATA ON FOREST CONDITIONS, ESPECIALLY THOSE RELATED TO IDENTIFYING INTENSIVE SILVICULTURE OPPORTUNITIES; PROCEDURES USED TO DEVELOP TIMBER YIELD DATA; COSTS AND RETURNS FROM INTENSIVE SILVICULTURE PRACTICES AND ANALYSIS SYSTEMS USED TO IDENTIFY AND FUND PRACTICES THAT PROVIDE OPTIMUM MULTIPLE-USE BENEFITS.

3. THE GAO WOULD APPRECIATE THE POST'S ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS WITH THE OFFICIALS AND ORGANIZATIONS OF THE RESPECTIVE COUNTRY LISTED IN THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

SWEDEN: SEPTEMBER 26 - 30

A) SWEDISH FOREST SERVICE (DOMANVERKET)
MR. ERLAND V. HOFSTEN
HEAD FOREIGN RELATIONS
BJORNSTIGEN 89
S-171 93 SOLNA, SWEDEN

B) NATIONAL BOARD OF PRIVATE FORESTRY SCOGSTYELSEN UNCLASSIFIED

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VALLGATAN 6 S-551 83 JONKOPING, SWEDEN

C) MR. LARS SJUNNESSON, PRESIDENT SWEDISH PULP AND PAPER ASSOCIATION STOCKHOLM

GERMANY: OCTOBER 3 - 7

- A) FEDERAL MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, AND FORESTRY 53 BONN, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
- B) PROFESSOR PETER ABSTZ
 BAD-WURT, FORSTL. VERS. N. FORSCH. AUST.
 SUDETENSTR. 14
 D-78 FREIBURG I. BR., FRG

AUSTRIA: OCTOBER 10 - 14

A) FEDERAL MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY STUBENRING 1 1010 - VIENNA B) REPRESENTATIVE OF ONE OF THE LARGEST PRIVATE TIMBER-LAND OWNERS OR MANAGERS

IF THE ABOVE-NAMED OFFICIALS AND HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OFFICES ARE UNAVAILABLE, THE GAO TEAM WOULD APPRECIATE MEETING WITH THEIR DEPUTIES OR ASSISTANTS. TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, GAO TEAM WOULD PREFER MEETINGS WITH OFFICIALS ON FIRST AND SECOND DAY OF THE WEEK WITH REMAINDER AVAILABLE FOR VISITS TO FIELD OFFICE LOCATIONS WHERE THEY COULD DISCUSS AND OBSERVE APPLICATION OF FORESTRY PRACTICES. INTERPRETERS SHOULD BE PROVIDED IF NECESSARY. THE GAO IS AWARE THAT CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN OFFICIALS ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE AMBASSADOR, TO BE UNCLASSIFIED

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ARRANGED FOR BY THE EMBASSY, AND EMBOFF TO ACCOMPANY, IF FEASIBLE.

- 4. MESSRS. KENYON AND HEISER WILL MAKE THEIR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS.
- 5. THE DEPARTMENT CERTIFIES THAT MR. KENYON AND MR. HEISER HOLD CURRENT TOP SECRET SECRUITY CLEARANCES.
- 6. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO COOPERATE WITH THE GAO IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES OF 4 FAM 930-934. ANY QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS THAT ARISE DURING THE COURSE OF THE REVIEW, PARTICULARLY REGARDING GAO ACCESS TO AND/OR RETENTION OF DEPARTMENT FILES OR MATERIALS, SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT. VANCE

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